
Executive Order #2

Placing the Fitness and Wellness Referendum on the Spring 2013 ASUC Ballot

Whereas: The current Recreational Sports Facility and Tang Center are significantly overcrowded and do not have enough capacity for students.

Whereas: Students have requested additional facilities for fitness and wellness and mental health services.

Whereas: The fitness and wellness referendum is a fee referendum to build an additional facility for the rec sports and the Tang center that will provide improved and expanded services that promote well being for students including: climbing walls, teaching kitchens, counseling services, yoga spaces, meditation gardens, and cardio and weight machines.

Whereas: The Fitness and Wellness referendum is a student fee referendum, and this referendum allows students to vote on expanding their services.

Whereas: The language for the Fitness and Wellness referendum was submitted for language vetting from the UC Office of the President in February.

Whereas: Final confirmation of the validity of the Fitness and Wellness language was not received until March 8th.

Whereas: The bill was submitted for inclusion in the ASUC agenda for the next week.

Whereas: The bill passed through committee on Monday March 18th, however the filing period for the ASUC elections ended on Friday, March 15th.

Whereas: The filing period for the ASUC elections changes calendar date from year to year, and because of this filing deadline the Senate could not add this referendum to the ASUC ballot.

Whereas: Allowing all students to have a vote on campus fees and important student services is a vital part of the democratic process at UC Berkeley.

Ordered: The Fitness and Wellness Referendum on the Spring Regular Election 2013 Ballot read as follows:

“A mandatory undergraduate and graduate student fee of \$40 that begins in Fall Semester 2013 and will start to increase during Fall Semester 2016 has been proposed for the following purposes: to finance construction, equipment and operations for a Wellness Center (WC) with cardio machines, climbing wall, group activity classes, teaching kitchen, health and wellness classes, counseling and more; to finance construction, equipment and operations for a new Memorial Stadium Fitness Center; to eliminate the optional \$10 a semester RecSports membership fee; and to fund the expenses currently supported by the mandatory Recreational Sports Facility Fee and the Intramural Sports Facility Fee that will expire in 2016 and 2017, respectively (see ASUC Voter’s Guide for fee schedule and additional WC services). Do you approve this fee?”

So ordered this 24th day of March 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Connor Landgraf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C' and a prominent 'L'.

Connor Landgraf
ASUC President